

**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON, NEW YORK HELD ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 16, 1997 AT 8:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL, 85 MAIN STREET, IRVINGTON, NEW YORK.**

Present: Dennis P. Flood, Mayor  
Garrard R. Beeney, Trustee  
Sheila M. Attai, Trustee  
James McNiff, Trustee  
Robert Pouch, Trustee  
Stephen A. McCabe, Administrator  
Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer  
Kevin J. Plunkett, Village Attorney  
Robert Bauer, Supt. of Public Works

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Flood who led the attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Flood opened the floor to public comment on matters not contained on the agenda of the regular meeting. Paul Robbins questioned the status of the Marriott application regarding the Murray-Griffin property. Mayor Flood provided a status report on this topic. Kenneth Pearlman discussed the activities taking place in and around the maintenance shed located on the Downingwood property. Simon Luberic discussed the building permit fee for a home on Riverview Road under construction. Richard Ward and Madeline Billings questioned why there was no appearance by Santa Claus at the recent Holiday Happenings event. Mayor Flood indicated that the event was organized by the PTSA and the Chamber of Commerce and not by the Village. There were no further comments from those in attendance.

Trustee Attai made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board held on December 1, 1997. The motion was seconded by Trustee McNiff and unanimously approved with Trustees Beeney and Pouch abstaining from the vote.

Mayor Flood read communications from Connie Gazur regarding the Recreation department's activities on Thanksgiving Day; and Arnold Brenhouse regarding the possibility of future development on the Murray-Griffin property. A copy of each communication is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Mayor Flood opened a public hearing with respect to the adoption of NYS Real Property Tax Law 467-b: Tax abatement for rent controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens. Mayor Flood provided background on the proposed resolution. There was limited discussion regarding this proposal. Trustee Pouch made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee McNiff and unanimously approved.

Trustee Beeney made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting NYS Real Property Tax Law 467-b: Tax abatement for rent controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens. The motion was seconded by Trustee McNiff and unanimously approved. A copy of the full text of the resolution is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Mayor Flood discussed the selection process for shoreline/bulkhead engineer for the Waterfront Park project. After some discussion about the selection process, Trustee Pouch made a motion to designate Han-Padron Associates as shoreline rehabilitation consultant for the Waterfront Park and authorize the Village Administrator and the Village Clerk-Treasurer to negotiate a final contract in accordance with the submitted proposal, and further, authorize the Village Administrator to execute said contract. Trustee McNiff seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Attai discussed the activities of the Water department and the Building department, including the high level of building activity underway within the Village and a water leak on Main Street recently repaired.

Trustee Pouch outlined the Police department's search for a Youth officer to replace newly-promoted Sergeant Chillemi. He also discussed the activities surrounding the recent fire at the Irvington Presbyterian Church.

Trustee Beeney discussed the ongoing leaf pickup program, the inflow and infiltration project and the Waterfront park project. He also discussed the library fund raising campaign.

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Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer provided background on the requested abolition of Village Voter Registration Day. After some discussion, Trustee McNiff made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 15-118(3) of Election Law, the Village Board of the Village of Irvington hereby provides that there shall be no Village registration day for Village elections. Furthermore, eligible voters for Village elections shall be those duly registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections.

Trustee Attai seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Pouch made a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to take up land acquisition and a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Attai and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer

Attachments